



Bob's Pond
T4 R17 WELS
Somerset Co., Maine
Area = 27 acres



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T4 R17 WELS, Somerset Co.,
U.S.G.S. Russell Mountain, Me (7 ½')

Fishes

Brook trout

Minnows
Finescale dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 27 acres

Maximum depth - 2 feet

Temperatures:
Surface - 72°F
2 feet - 72°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Bob's Pond is a very shallow, bog-like pond located in extreme northwestern Maine. Access to Bob's Pond requires a walk of nearly 3 miles from a locked gate near 4th St. John Pond. However, at the time of the survey, new logging roads were under construction just a few hundred yards from the west shore of nearby Summit Pond. This may improve access to within a mile of Bob's Pond in the near future.

The pond is surrounded by softwood forest. The shoreline is boggy with floating mat. Aquatic vegetation is very thick throughout the pond. Several gravelly areas were located along the shoreline. There were many beaver dams on the outlet at the time of the survey. The substrates in the outlet area are very soft and offer no potential for spawning habitat. A spring on the southeast corner of the pond contained enough gravel and flow to provide some habitat suitable for trout spawning. Also, there is a large gravel/rock bar in the pond that may have suitable spawning habitat. At the time of the survey, the trout were concentrated in this area, which indicates there may be some spring influence.

Although the trout in Bob's Pond are in good condition, they are small and slow growing, typical of bog or stream trout. Summer water temperatures are very high in this shallow, dark pond. In some years, the pond may freeze to the bottom during the winter. These conditions would limit survival to older ages and probably reduce growth rates.

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